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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

COMMENTS INVITED ON WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AREA (REGION 36) (800 MHz) PUBLIC SAFETY REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PR Docket No. 92-274)

Comment Date: April 26, 2004

Reply Date: May 10, 2004

On December 24, 2003, the Region 36 (Western Pennsylvania)¹ Public Safety Regional Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment to its Public Safety Plan that would provide a new allocation method, changing from its current "comparative window allocation process" to a "first-in/first-out process," and modify the allocation matrix of the NPSPAC Region 36 Plan.² The requested amendment proposes modification of the Region's frequency allocation tables to provide new assignments in Westmoreland and Allegheny Counties (new applicants in the process), and for additional channels in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania existing statewide system (see Region 36's "REVISED WINDOW 2 CHANNEL ALLOCATIONS," attached as Appendix 1).

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.³ The Region 36 Plan was originally adopted by the Commission on February 1, 1993.⁴

Prior to taking action on the Region 36 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, interested parties may file comments on or before April 26, 2004 and reply comments on or before May 10, 2004. Comments may be filed using

¹ Region 36 includes the Western Pennsylvania area covering the 39 counties west of the Susquehanna River.

² See Letter dated Dec. 19, 2003, from Donald R. Appleby, Chairman, NPSPAC Region 36 Public Safety Planning Committee - Western Pennsylvania, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (Letter) (submitting the Region 36 NPSPAC Plan Amendment) filed Dec. 24, 2003.

³ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, Report and Order, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁴ See Western Pennsylvania Public Safety Plan, Order, PR Docket 92-274, 8 FCC Rcd 798 (1993).

the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and should reference PR Docket No. 92-274. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Filings may be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings or electronic media for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial and electronic media sent by overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

The full text of the Plan Amendment, comments and reply comments will be available for inspection and duplication during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (RIC) of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 863-2893, facsimile (202) 863-2898 or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. For further information regarding the public reference file for this Plan Amendment, contact Maria Ringold, Chief, Wireless Branch, RIC, (202) 418-1355.

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For further information, contact Ms. Joy Alford, of the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0694, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to joy.alford@fcc.gov.

Action by the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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⁵ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

Appendix 1

CHANNEL	Assignee Region 36 Window 2	County of Use
657	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
663	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
667	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
671	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
672	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
678	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
683	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
707	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
714	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
716	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
720	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
721	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
722	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
723	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
724	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
726	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
727	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
728	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
734	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
744	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
748	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
755	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
761	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
763	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
764	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
784	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
786	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
791	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
799	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
803	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
805	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
812	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
818	Allegheny, County of	Allegheny County, PA
627	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Adams County, PA
675	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Adams County, PA
808	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Adams County, PA
654	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Blair County, PA
689	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Blair County, PA
750	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Blair County, PA
608	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Clearfield County, PA
692	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Clearfield County, PA
746	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Clearfield County, PA
604	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Crawford County, PA
629	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Crawford County, PA
698	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Crawford County, PA

CHANNEL	Assignee Region 36 Window 2	County of Use
745	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Crawford County, PA
610	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
631	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
675	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
701	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
752	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
822	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Erie County, PA
661	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Greene County, PA
768	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Greene County, PA
809	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Greene County, PA
618	Pennsylvania, Comm of	McKean County, PA
647	Pennsylvania, Comm of	McKean County, PA
738	Pennsylvania, Comm of	McKean County, PA
602	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Snyder County, PA
656	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Snyder County, PA
692	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Snyder County, PA
615	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Venango County, PA
665	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Venango County, PA
736	Pennsylvania, Comm of	Venango County, PA
622	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
662	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
666	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
673	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
684	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
686	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
704	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
706	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
708	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
710	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
717	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
719	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
725	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
754	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
757	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
795	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
817	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
823	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
827	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA
829	Westmoreland, County of	Westmoreland County, PA